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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Final Office Action of January 7, 2009 which rejected all of the elected claims 9-12 and 22-27 as lacking novelty or being patentable in view of the applied prior art including a new interpretation of the Potter & Van Schaftingen references.

This response is being filed within two months of this Office Action so that any extension fees will be calculated from the date of any Advisory Action pursuant to Rule 136(a).